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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY I, 1991 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE FIDELLI LOUNGE, LOYOLA CAMPUS CENTER

Documents Considered:

BD-122-D1	**Policy and Mandate of the Personnel Committee**
BD-122-D2	**Policy and Mandate of the Steering Committee**
BD-121-D4	**Computer Proposal**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson, Jarno Makkonen, called this meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Eleanor Brown
Charlene Nero

COMMERCE
Thomas Dowd
Jimmy Elenakis
Jennifer Kalman
Nick Kaminaris
Kerry Schacter
Marc Tisseur

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Sophie Desjardins
Hernani Farias
Christine Legault
Jamie Ross
Michael Spowart
Etoile Stewart
Phil Toone

ABSENT
Arts and Science: Jennifer Dang-Tran, Kathy Fretz, Martin Chemagne (w/r), Heidi Modro (w/r), Victoria Rodriguez, Esther Vise (w/r)
Commerce: Robin Chabot, Esmeralda Florio
Fine Arts: Cathy Balsitis, Kellie Coppin
Engineering: Kieran Hackett, Frank Pathyl, Dave Pichmann

2. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jarno Makkonen Be Appointed Chair For the 1991-92 Term.

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: H. Farias

M. Spowart asked to know if J. Makkonen was the only applicant. C. Nero replied that he was.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. Brown said that M. Bradley is ill and cannot attend for her ratification. She also said that the V.P. Liaison is awaiting ratification and proposed amending item 4.4 to read: Ratification of V.P. Liaison.

MOTION TO AMEND ITEM 4.4

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: C. Nero

There were no objections to this amendment.

T. Dowd asked to know why Old Business is after New Business. C. Nero replied that nowhere in Roberts Rules Of Order does it stipulate the order of Old and New Business. She also said that in tonight's meeting, New Business is more important and should be dealt with first, in case the meeting loses quorum.

M. Spowart asked to know why there are no reports on the agenda. C. Nero said that this item will fall under item 6.0.

C. Nero said that item 4.10 - Strategic Space Plan should be included to the agenda and that P. Toone will elaborate and bring forth the motion when he arrives. There were no objections to this item.

The Chair said that item 5.2 should read: Student Housing Triangle.

MOTION TO AMEND ITEM 5.2

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: H. Farias

M. Spowart suggested that since the CUSAcorp President is not present to elaborate on item 4.7, it should be deleted. H. Farias objected, since this issue will be brought forth at the next Board of Governor's Meeting and as a student representative, he needs to know whether CUSA supports the CUSAcorp Fee Increase or not. S. O'Hara said that he has no information on this issue. It was unanimously agreed upon to leave item 4.7 on the agenda, in case A. Pacheco arrives late.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Ratification of V.P. External

BE IT RESOLVED THAT James Brown be ratified as CUSA's Vice President External.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: H. Farias

J. Brown said that he was last year's V.P. External and that several projects were started and he would like to see the fruition of these projects. He also said that among these projects is the Student Housing Triangle and ANEEQ.

C. Nero said that since two individuals of the Hiring Committee did not show up, the interviews were conducted by J. D. Tran and herself. She also said that there were three applicants in total for this position and that J. Brown had the best qualifications.

M. Tisseur asked to know what the situation is regarding student strikes for the increase in tuition fees. J. Brown said that this situation is unlikely to happen unless the Government imposes student fees on the CEGEP level.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

4.2 Ratification of V.P. Advocate Services

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Catherine Lawrence be ratified as CUSA's Vice President Advocate Services.

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: M. Spowart

C. Lawrence said that this is a new position and that it is a definite challenge for her. She also said that advertising is needed to make it known to students that this service exists. C. Lawrence said that she is presently learning academic regulations and rules with J. Serruya's assistance.

T. Dowd asked to know more about this position. H. Farias said that this position has existed under the V.P. Education's portfolio since 1984 and that its main focus is that of complaints to the academic code of conduct. He also said that the student advocate represents students.

E. Brown said that the advocate explains University regulations to students and guides them in the right direction.

C. Nero said that the role of this position is to advocate on behalf of students and that the most important part is advertising students' rights.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

4.3 Ratification of V.P. Education

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Joe Serruya be ratified as CUSA's Vice President Education.

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

J. Serruya said that students should take a proactive role in Education. He also said that some of his concerns include the lack of effort of some professors to hold office hours and the possibility of an Excellence in Teaching initiative in Senate and a bill of Student Rights.

M. Spowart asked to know what J. Serruya's intentions are in regards to lack of participation on the part of students on the various academic committees. J. Serruya replied that he intends on concentrating more effort than in previous years on advertising for these positions, as well as establishing an attendance review committee which will monitor the attendance record of those involved in these committees very closely. He also said that more than two absences will probably result in the replacement of these members and that this regulation will apply to the sub-committees as well.

T. Dowd asked J. Serruya what work does he envision students doing. J. Serruya said that students will have to lobby Senators and councillors and that he will ask for their help in drafting a new legislation such as the Bill of Student Rights. He also said that he will be lobbying other Senators and that he will be giving them a mini-training program to explain to them how meetings work, as well as the possibility of introducing them to members of the administration.

M. Spowart asked to know who conducted the interviews. E. Brown replied that J. D. Tran, P. Toone and herself conducted them and that there were three applicants in all.

M. Spowart asked to know why D. McGraw who had applied for the position was not given an interview. C. Nero replied that she never received her application and that there are still many other positions vacant if she is interested in getting involved. J. Serruya said that he spoke to her and that she would be an excellent candidate for Senate.

VOTE ON MOTION **13/0/2 CARRIED**

4.4 Ratification of V.P. Liaison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lana Grimes Be Ratified As CUSA's Vice President Liaison.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: H. Farias

L. Grimes said that after having succumbed to a 45 minute interview she is surprised to have been chosen for the position which is of extreme importance. She also said that she is in the process of going through M. Thompson's files and that she is surprised to find them in a mess.

C. Nero said that two other applicants were interviewed for the position and L. Grimes seemed to be the strongest applicant.

H. Farias asked to know if she is affiliated with any other clubs and to what degree. L. Grimes said that she is active with WUSC but not on the executive level.

M. Spowart asked L. Grimes how she feels in regards to the plans of the Strategic Space Plan to turn the sixth floor over to CUSA. L. Grimes said that she can't disagree with this proposal.

L. Grimes said that in her opinion strong representation and maintaining operations on both campuses is required. She also said that more co-ordination is required with clubs and associations and that after having consulted with the Executive Administrator, the V.P. Liaison will be responsible for doing inventory this year.

H. Farias asked to know what L. Grimes intends on doing in regards to getting space back that CUSA lost,

specifically H-407 and H-517. L. Grimes replied that she wasn't aware that CUSA had lost this space, but that she will look into negotiating with the University to see if something could be done.

H. Farias asked L. Grimes if she plans on forming a Liaison committee to help her out. L. Grimes replied that according to the Executive Administrator, such a committee has never been established. H. Farias disagreed with her and said that it did exist and falls under her portfolio.

K. Schacter asked L. Grimes how she feels in regards to the fixed election period for all clubs. L. Grimes replied that she feels that it is a good idea, but that there were problems with the implementation of it.

VOTE ON MOTION **13/0/2 CARRIED**

4.5.A Personnel Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Following Directors Be Appointed to the Personnel Committee. (see BD-D1)

E. Brown asked for nominations and explained that if more than three members are interested in this committee then mini-interviews will be held to decide who will sit on it.

J. Ross said that perhaps there should be a few alternates. H. Farias explained that this committee is closed and that the members who sit on it are fixed and permanent for the year.

The three directors who expressed interest for this committee were: H. Farias, E. Stewart and P. Toone.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: J. Ross

VOTE ON MOTION **14/0/1 CARRIED**

4.5.B Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Finance Committee shall be composed of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of seven directors and the Co-Presidents. There may be no more than one (1) Finance Committee member (excluding the Co-Presidents) from the faculty of Commerce and Administration. There may be no more than one (1) Finance Committee member from the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. The Vice President Finance shall be a non-voting member of the Finance Committee, and shall chair all meetings of the committee. The Comptroller shall be a non-voting advisor to the Finance Committee when appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following directors be appointed as members of the Finance Committee.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by H. Farias

C. Nero proposed breaking up the motion into two parts. There were no objections to this.

C. Nero said that the intent of this motion is to clarify the many versions of the Consolidated Statutes. She also said that it is only fair that CASA and ECA hold only one seat on the Finance Committee since their monetary contribution to CUSA is very low.

M. Spowart proposed that the Finance Committee be composed of one (1) Co-President, three (3) members from Arts and Science, one (1) member from Commerce, one (1) member from Engineering and Computer Science, and one (1) member from Fine Arts. C. Nero disagreed with this composition and said that this amendment does not address the problems of the past. She also said that the Finance Committee would not be legally constituted, since there is no one present from Fine Arts tonight. M. Spowart then proposed that there be a maximum of one (1) member from the faculty of Fine Arts and one (1) Co-President.

(Time: 7:30 p.m.)

T. Dowd asked to know what quorum for Finance Committee is . C. Nero said that quorum shall be 50% plus one - a simple majority, or four (4) members, whichever is greater.

T. Dowd said that CASA's Board of Directors is distrustful of CUSA and that by way of this motion, CASA's representation on Fin. Com. is either no members at all or only one (1) member. N. Kaminaris proposed that since CASA's representation on this Board is only second to that of the seats of Arts and Science, it would be proportionally correct to limit CASA's seats to two (2). H. Farias disagreed since this is already 50% if quorum is four (4) members.

C. Nero said that numerical boundaries are more suitable and that CASA's $30,000 contribution or 5% of the budget creates a disillusionment within Arts and Science. She also said that her main concern is in getting a member from each faculty present. C. Nero said that the Finance Committee is not a closed committee and that if more directors are interested in attending the meetings, they are more than welcome to. She also said that Commerce students use more than $30,000 of CUSA services and that there shouldn't be any animosity on the part of CASA.

T. Dowd asked to know who is the secretary of the Finance Committee. C. Nero suggested that the V.P. Finance take minutes of the meetings.

MOTION TO AMEND

MOTION: 558

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Finance Committee shall be composed of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of seven directors and one (1) Co-President. There may be no more than one (1) Finance Committee member (excluding the Co-President) from the faculty of Commerce and Administration. There may be no more than one (1) Finance Committee member from the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. There may be no more than one (1) Finance Committee member from the faculty of Fine Arts. The Vice President Finance shall be a non-voting member of the Finance Committee, and shall chair all meetings of the committee. The Comptroller shall be a non-voting advisor to the Finance Committee when appropriate. Minutes of the Committee shall be open to the public. The V.P. Finance shall be responsible for taking minutes.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: C. Nero

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 9/6/0 CARRIED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following directors be appointed as members of the Finance Committee.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: J. Ross

The Chair said that there are seven vacancies to be filled.

The following directors were acclaimed as members of the Finance Committee: H. Farias, J. Ross, M. Spowart, P. Toone, J. D. Tran, E. Florio.

VOTE ON MOTION 11/0/4 CARRIED

E. Brown said that since K. Huck has to leave, it would be advisable for the Board to allow him some time to elaborate on the Computer Proposal. M. Spowart objected since this proposal requires debate and it can wait until September.

C. Nero suggested that the Board grant K. Huck fifteen minutes to introduce his proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 5.1 Be Started Now For Fifteen Minutes

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: M. Tisseur

VOTE ON MOTION **6/2/4** **CARRIED**

K. Huck distributed his documents and said that the idea of the center is access and individual choice. He also said that 3/4 of every class doesn't work on a computer and that most students have no experience whatsoever with computers. K. Huck said that the facility would run seminars and that he is looking into an appealing proposal for the computer companies, in that students would be allowed to have 3-4 hours of access every two weeks. He also said that the objective of this idea is that students do not become dependant on them and hopefully it might promote the desire for their own purchase.

T. Taylor asked K. Huck why the monopoly in Macintoshes. K. Huck said that the advantage of the Macintoshes is that they would run on a network and are easier to work with. He also said that he is looking at establishing a center by mid-October and a task force as soon as possible.
M. Spowart said that a facility of this nature is annaceptable to be located exclusively at the Hall Building, since it is not meeting the needs of all Concordia students. K. Huck responded that approximately only twelve percent (12%) of students are exclusively at Loyola. He also added that he never went for a student opinion poll but a survey could put these questions to rest.

The chair said that the fifteen minute limit was up and that the meeting would proceed with the next item on the agenda.

4.5.C Steering Committee

MOTION: 559

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 2.0 of the "Steering Committee Policy and Mandate" be amended to read: The following shall be members of the Steering Committee:

- **a) the Chair of the Board of Directors (s/he shall be a non-voting advisor only),**
- **b) the Co-Presidents**
- **c) three Directors from the Faculty of arts and Science,**
- **d) one (1) Director from each of the faculties of Fine Arts, Commerce and Administration, Engineering and Computer Science**

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: J. Ross

J. Ross suggested that one (1) Co-President sit on the Steering Committee since their time is limited to fulfilling other duties as well. There were no objections to this issue.

N. Kaminaris asked to know why the Steering Committee does not follow the numerical representation of the faculties on this Board. E. Brown replied that the objective of the Steering Committee is to gather motions and deciding which motions will be put on the agenda.

MOTION TO AMEND

e) **a maximum of two (2) directors from Commerce and Administration.**

Moved by: N. Kaminaris
Seconded by: M. Tisseur

E. Brown pointed out the importance of having an odd number of directors sit on the Steering Committee in order to break decisions resulting in ties.

C. Nero said that she does not have a problem with two Commerce representatives sitting on this committee, if it will make them happy.

H. Farias said that directors from the faculty of Commerce should not have a problem with this motion since the proportion of motions that arise concerning students in Commerce, Engineering and Fine Arts are minimal.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 8/2/3 CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND

c) **a maximum of four (4) directors from the Faculty of Arts and Science**

Moved by: M. Spowart
Seconded by: S. Desjardins

M. Spowart said that since the Board is looking at proportional representation, it is only fair that the largest faculty should hold four seats. C. Nero replied that nine directors is a lot for a committee of this sort.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 2/7/6 FAILED

Amended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 2.0 of the "Steering Committee Policy and Mandate" be amended to read: The following shall be members of the Steering Committee:

- **a) the chair of the Board of Directors (s/he shall be a non-voting advisor only),**
- **b) one (1) Co-President**
- **c) a maximum of three (3) Directors from the Faculty of Arts and Science,**
- **d) a maximum of one (1) Director from each of the faculties of Fine Arts and Engineering and Computer Science,**
- **e) a maximum of two (2) directors from Commerce and Administration**

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION 10/1/3 CARRIED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following directors be appointed as members of the Steering Committee.

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: M. Tisseur

The following directors were all acclaimed to sit on the Steering Committee: S. Desjardins, H. Farias, N. Kaminaris, K. Schacter, M. Spowart.

VOTE ON MOTION 14/0/1 CARRIED

4.5.D Attendance Review Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be appointed to the Attendance Review Committee:

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: J. Ross

The following Directors were all acclaimed to sit on the Attendance Review Committee: S. Desjardins, J. Elenakis, J. Ross, M. Spowart, M. Tisseur.

H. Farias said that this committee is very important and that it requires competent directors.

VOTE ON MOTION 13/1/1 CARRIED

4.6 Constitutional Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 5.2.2 of the CUSA Constitution be amended to read: The maximum number of Directors shall be 30. The composition not specified in 5.2.1 shall be determined by the Board of Directors before calling the Annual General Election of the Directors. The composition decided upon shall appropriately reflect the composition of the membership in the different faculties of the university.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: H. Farias

C. Nero said that on the advice of the lawyer the Board should amend Article 5.2.2 to read: "The maximum number of directors be 30."

T. Dowd asked to know why the Constitutional amendments made last year are not included in the new copy of the Constitution. C. Nero replied that they were not brought forth to a referendum.

M. Spowart remarked that a motion of this nature requires a 2/3 majority of the sitting directors to be passed. The Chair replied that that this motion would have to tabled since this number is not attainable in this meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 4.6

Moved by: M. Spowart
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 4.6 13/1/0

4.7 CUSAcorp

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA support the results of the CUSACORP fee referendum... (more detailed version to be provided at the meeting by Angie Pacheco).

C. Nero said that she approached A. Pacheco and that she concluded that she would provide the Board with a resolution. She also said that CUSAcorp is having a meeting tonight and that from the looks of things she will not be attending.

H. Farias said that he needs advice for the upcoming Board of Governors' meeting, in regards to this motion. He also said that at the last meeting of the Board of Governors it was tabled due to differences of opinion regarding the legality of this referendum.

J. Serruya said that he doesn't believe that this motion will be coming up at the next meeting. He also said that

there will be a meeting held this coming Monday at 6:00 p.m. between CUSA and CASA to attempt to resolve this miscommunication. M. Spowart said that it is not a good idea for K. Cox to meet with CUSA behind a closed session. J. Serruya replied that that it will be an open-door discussion to iron out differences of opinions.

N. Kaminaris said that a grave error was made in allowing CASA and ECA students to vote in this referendum since most of them in his opinion would have voted in favour of it, since they will not be contributing in any monetary way. He also suggested that the Board present a motion to Judicial Board to annul this referendum.

C. Nero said that the main problem is the lack of communication between CUSA and CUSAcorp and that it is imperative to correct this issue. She also said that she is against the hike, but that she must honor the results. C. Nero further added that the way the money will be spent needs to be talked out.

M. Spowart said that as one of the complainants of this referendum he questions CUSAcorp's accountability to CUSA. He also said that his complaints are focused on the ballots, and the CRO, who allowed the referendum to go through without proper guidelines. M. Spowart further said that at the time K. Cox was the only representative he knew of on the Board of Governors who could raise these complaints. M. Spowart further said that he is urging CUSAcorp not to cease a good opportunity to take students' fees, since they are not fulfilling students' goals with proper guidelines. He also questioned the absence of Thursday bashes and CUSA's responsibility for CUSAcorp's deficit. His last point was that CUSA will have to monitor CUSAcorp's spending very closely this year.

S. O'Hara said that the CRO never received any formal complaints about this referendum and that nobody brought up any objections at the Annual General Meeting. He also said that the composition of CUSAcorp's Board is well diversified and that it accounts to CUSA's Board.

MOTION TO EXTEND DISCUSSION

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

N. Kaminaris said that Commerce students as well as ECA students will not pay and that the spirit of this referendum is lacking. He also said that he saw no advertising for the Annual General Meeting and that to his knowledge people came and went as they pleased.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSAcorp provide CUSA's Vice President Finance with complete information and financial records for 1989/90 and 1990/91 year-to-date, to be reviewed by the V.P. Finance and to be presented by the V.P. FInance to the next meeting of this Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Judicial Board investigate the conducting of the CUSAcorp fee referendum and present its findings to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: M. Spowart

VOTE ON MOTION 13/0/1 CARRIED

4.8 CUSA Lawyer

Motion: 560

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the secretary of the Board of Directors be directed to send minutes of all meetings of this Board to CUSA's lawyer within 10 working days of the completion of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Co-Presidents (or their representatives) present a "legal proceedings" report at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by; C. Nero

E. Brown said that the intention of this motion is to ease the lawyer's job when asked for consultation regarding CUSA matters. She also said that the lawyer was a bit perplexed at not receiving copies of minutes from this Board.

J. Serruya said that it seems a waste of money to send him copies of all the documents and the minutes and that by this motion it is eliminating the need for Judicial Board. E. Brown replied that it does not cost anything to place the minutes in a binder reserved for the lawyer and that Judicial Board is still there for CUSA.

M. Anthony, a member of Judicial Board requested to have copies of minutes sent to Judicial Board as well.

MOTION TO AMEND

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the secretary of the Board of Directors be directed to send minutes of all meetings of this Board to CUSA's lawyer within 10 working days upon approval of the minutes.

Moved by: M. Spowart
Seconded by: H. Farias

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

4.9 Ratification of Tae Kwon Do Club

Motion: 561

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concordia Kokoro Kan (Tae Kwon Do Club) Be Ratified and Recognized as a CUSA Club.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: J. Ross

M. Spowart asked to know what the financial requirements of this club would be. Dave Chu, the founder of this club said that this club needs to have status as a CUSA group in order to request space from the university. He also said that the university offers Tae Kwon Do but that the prices have doubled from $50 a year to $50 a semester.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

This meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

J. Makkonen, Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary